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For: **METHOD FOR PURIFYING AND  
CONCENTRATING AAV-2 AND  
ANTIGEN PORTIONS THEREOF**

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated **September 10, 2002**, and is submitted on or before the extended due date of **March 10, 2003**. A petition for a three-month extension of time and its requisite fee are enclosed herewith. The Examiner is requested to enter the amendments and consider the application.

**THE AMENDMENTS**

**In the Claims**

1. (Twice Amended) A method for purifying and concentrating AAV-2 and antigen portions thereof from a sample, said method comprising the steps of:

binding AAV-2 or antigen portions thereof to an activated chromatographic material which comprises antibodies linked thereto and directed against AAV-2, and

eluting said AAV-2 or antigen portions thereof using a solution containing 0.5 to 4.5 M MgCl<sub>2</sub>.

5. (Twice Amended) The method according to 3, wherein the chromatographic material is CNBr-activated agarose or NHS-activated agarose.